

Reuse Roundtable SUMMARY REPORT

Wednesday May 11th, 2016

6:30 – 9:00 pm

Grey Mountain Room, Mt. McIntyre Recreation Centre



PURPOSE of Visioning Session

To host a community - wide conversation on what residents and key stakeholders want the future of reuse to look like in Whitehorse.

PARTICIPANTS

The City hosted this event and had John Glynn-Morris from Cottonwood Consulting facilitate the evening. 40 people participated in the event. 17 were interested members of the public passionate about reuse options in Whitehorse. The rest were representatives from the following organizations:

- Raven Recycling Society
- Salvations Army
- Yukon College
- Yukon Government
- 2nd Show Kids Consignment
- Yukon Conservation Society
- Yukon Anti-Poverty Association
- Association Franco-Yukonnaise
- Yukon Humane Society
- Computers for Schools
- Zero Waste Yukon
- The City of Whitehorse



Reuse Roundtable SUMMARY REPORT

FORMAT – World Café

The Visioning Session was designed as a World Café - style event, with a short presentation at the beginning and a report back period at the end. The idea was to foster collaborative dialogue, active engagement and constructive possibilities through a series of conversations. These conversations were based off the following questions:

Round 1: (Environmental Scan)

- What reuse opportunities exist today and how do you use them?

Round 2: (Values)

- What's important to you in a 'reuse economy'?

Round 3: (Ideas and opportunities)

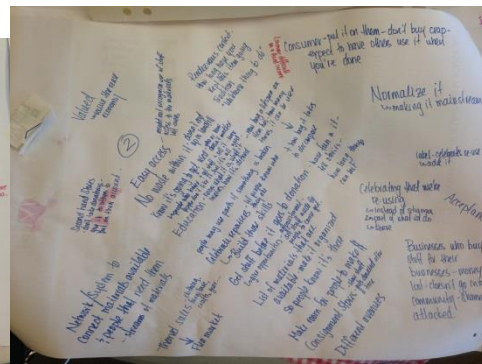
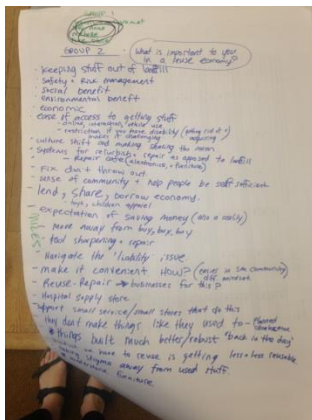
- What reuse opportunities should our community be aware of? What ideas should we know about?

Round 4: (Aspirations)

- What do you want reuse to look and feel like in 3 years in Whitehorse?



*DETAILED NOTES FROM THESE CONVERSATIONS CAN BE FOUND IN THE REUSE ROUNDTABLE PICTURES FILE AT www.whitehorse.ca/reuse.



Reuse Roundtable SUMMARY REPORT

PRIORITIES

After all 4 rounds, participants returned to their original table and were asked to write 3 top priorities for Reuse in Whitehorse. Once those were displayed, individuals were allocated “16 cents” (via a virtual dime, nickel and penny) to place on their top priorities. This gave a sense of scale and importance for the priorities.



PRIORITIES & Preferences	Total "cents" allocated
Spacious Staffed Re-use Repair Recycle Centre	123
Physical + Virtual Hub	98
Staffed and Organized	65
Funding	57
Normalizing Reuse and Sharing	55
Managed Depot (Organized Space for Reusables)	52
Central Organizing Body (partnerships)	39
Informed Educated Public	38
Centralized, sweet physical Location	24
Affordable Distribution Physical & Other (online, sharing)	20
Public Education About Value of Reuse/Recycling	18
Address Gaps (connect dots repair things)	14
Loosen Liability restrictions to allow more re-use/scavenging	12
Creating Society Acceptance (Value)	11
Staff	10
Central Location & Accessible	1
Communication Network (Access 4 ALL)	0
Environmental Benefits / Community Values	0
	637

Summarized Priorities	Total Cents	% of total
Refers to a Managed SPACE	318	50%
Refers to PUBLIC AWARENESS, Education, Acceptance	122	19%
Refers to a need for STAFFING or Management	114	18%
Other	83	13%

Reuse Roundtable SUMMARY REPORT

SURVEY

In addition to the May 11th event, the City posted a survey for those that couldn't make it or had more to say. The City received 66 responses. Full survey responses can be found at www.whitehorse.ca/reuse.

Why is reuse important to you?

Recycling Carbon Footprint Important Treasure Stuff Garbage
Waste Saves Money Landfill Live Items
Environmental Impact Reuse Throw

What would you like reuse to look and feel like in Whitehorse in the future? (1-3 years)

Habitat for Humanity Trading Think Quality Garbage
Program Stuff Staffed Organized Managed
Reuse Depots Items Purchases Dump Safe
Convenient Flea Markets

NEXT STEPS

The City of Whitehorse is hosting a second meeting in June to engage key stakeholders to discuss the results of this meeting and determine what actions are feasible for the future. A contact list containing event/survey participants will be held for further information or consultations.

Please see www.whitehorse.ca/reuse for the latest information.